AGENDA

Interested Persons Meeting
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, California 95814
Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Behested Payment Reporting

Fair Political Practices Commission ("the Commission") staff will be holding an interested persons meeting on December 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to solicit general public comment and suggestions on revising an FPPC regulation. Staff will address language regarding a potential additional regulation, 18215.3.

Whether certain scenarios qualify as "behested payments" under the Political Reform Act (the "Act") is unclear under the current language of the Act and regulations. The Commission will consider a regulation to exempt from "behested payments" a common situation where a public official's name is listed on the letterhead of a fundraising letter for a nonprofit organization, but neither the official nor any person on his or her staff acts as an agent to solicit contributions to the nonprofit organization on behalf of the official. This regulation codifies current staff advice.

Staff brought this issue to the full Commission at the September, 2011 Commission meeting. The Commission suggested that staff consider the issue of solicitation letters that include on their rosters of board or committee members a majority of public officers or members of the Public Utilities Commission. In response to public comments, the Commission requested that staff review the regulation and present a revised version at the March, 2012 Commission meeting.

The Chair and Commission staff seek public input on these issues and related matters. You may participate in this interested persons meeting in person or by teleconference by calling (888) 751-0624; access code 723284. For questions about participating by phone, you may contact Virginia Latteri-Lopez at (916) 322-5660. The Commission also invites written comments addressing these topics. Comments should be addressed to Heather Rowan at the above address or this number: (916) 322-5660.